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: CASTING MATERIAL FOR INDEFINITE CHILL ROLLS WITH A
SLEEVE PART AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

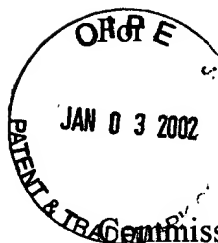
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the International Search Report drawn up for International Application No. PCT/AT 00/00102 of which the above-identified application is the National Stage application:

(a) EP 0 525 932 A (HITACHI METALS LTD.), 3 February 1993, is listed in the International Search Report as being a particularly relevant document if taken alone ("Category X") with regard to claims 13-25. The International Search Report mentions the following passages of this document: page 4, line 32 - page 4, line 36; figures 2-5.

(b) EP 0 665 068 A (HITACHI METALS LTD.), 2 August 1995.

(c) JP 01 287248 A (SUMITOMO METAL IND. LTD.), 17 November 1989.

(d) JP 08 109434 A (KUBOTA CORP.) 30 April 1996.



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(e) EP 0 760 398 (KAWASAKI STEEL CO.) 5 March 1997. Applicants note that this document is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 5 738 734 to Sawa et al. discussed in the instant application on page 4, line 10.

(f) U.S. Patent No. 5 536 230 (WERQUIN et al.), 16 July 1996.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

(g) WO 94/11541 A (SHEFFIELD FORGEMASTERS LTD.), 26 May 1994; Applicants note that this document is discussed in the instant application on page 3, line 18 under its application number PCT/GB 93/02380.

(h) WO 96/39544 A (NYLEN et al.), 12 December 1996. Applicants note that this document is discussed in the instant application on page 3, line 28 under its application number PCT/US 96/09181.

Copies of the above-listed documents (including the International Search Report in English) as well as English abstracts of documents (c) and (d) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

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of a first Office Action on the merits, no fee should be necessary for consideration of this submission. However, should a first Office Action have crossed this submission in the mail or should for any other reason the payment of a fee be deemed necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below- listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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